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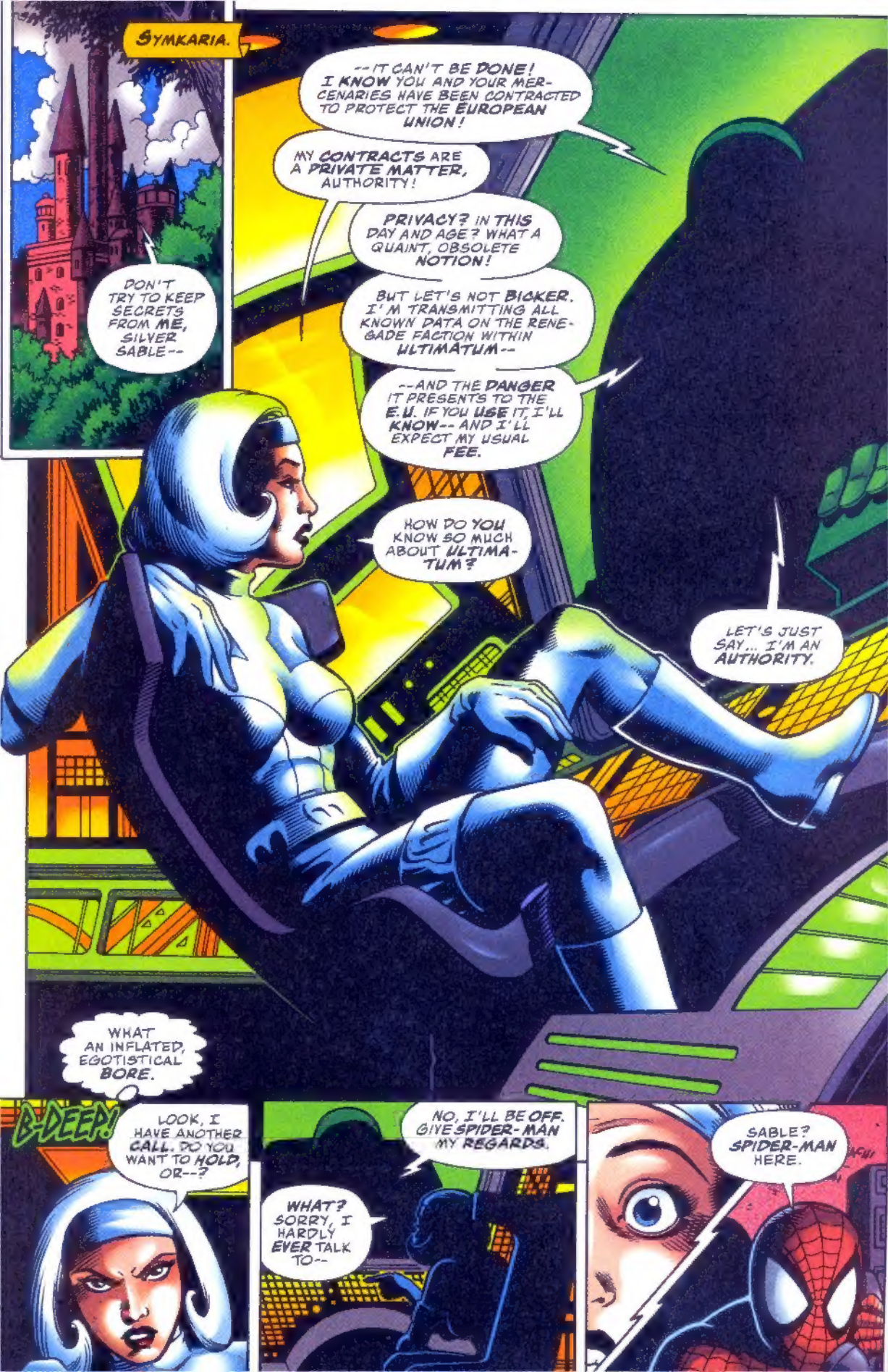
--AND EVEN THE STATESMEN AND BUREAUCRATS ARE BEGINNING TO SEE IT!
TODAY, THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION MEETS IN LONDON! FIFTEEN NATIONS WILL NEGOTIATE THE ADOPTION OF A SINGLE CURRENCY!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
IT MEANS OUR DREAM OF A PLANET UNSCARRED BY NATIONAL BOUNDARIES IS BECOMING THEIR DREAM!
OUR YEARS OF STRUGGLE ARE FINALLY BEARING FRUIT!
RUBBISH!
THE EUROS COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT "OUR DREAM"! IF ANYTHING, THEY WANT TO BECOME ANOTHER AMERICA! ANOTHER SUPER-POWER!
INSTEAD OF CONGRATULATING OURSELVES, WE SHOULD STOP THEM BEFORE THEY GROW TOO BIG TO EVER DESTROY!
BAM!
READ OUR CHARTER, HENREID! ULTIMATUM IS NOT A DEBATING SOCIETY!
YOU ARE MY ARMY, MARCHING TOGETHER UNDER NO BANNER TOWARD ONE GOAL!
WE MUST SUBMIT TO DISCIPLINE!
THIS IS PRECISELY WHY OUR IDEAS ARE NOT TAKING HOLD! THE OUTSIDE WORLD SEES US AS A BUNCH OF FANATICS, AFRAID OF IDEAS!
YOUR AUTHORI-TARIANISM JUST FEEDS INTO--
HENREID, IF YOU'RE SO CONCERNED WITH THE VIEWS OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD--
VZAK!

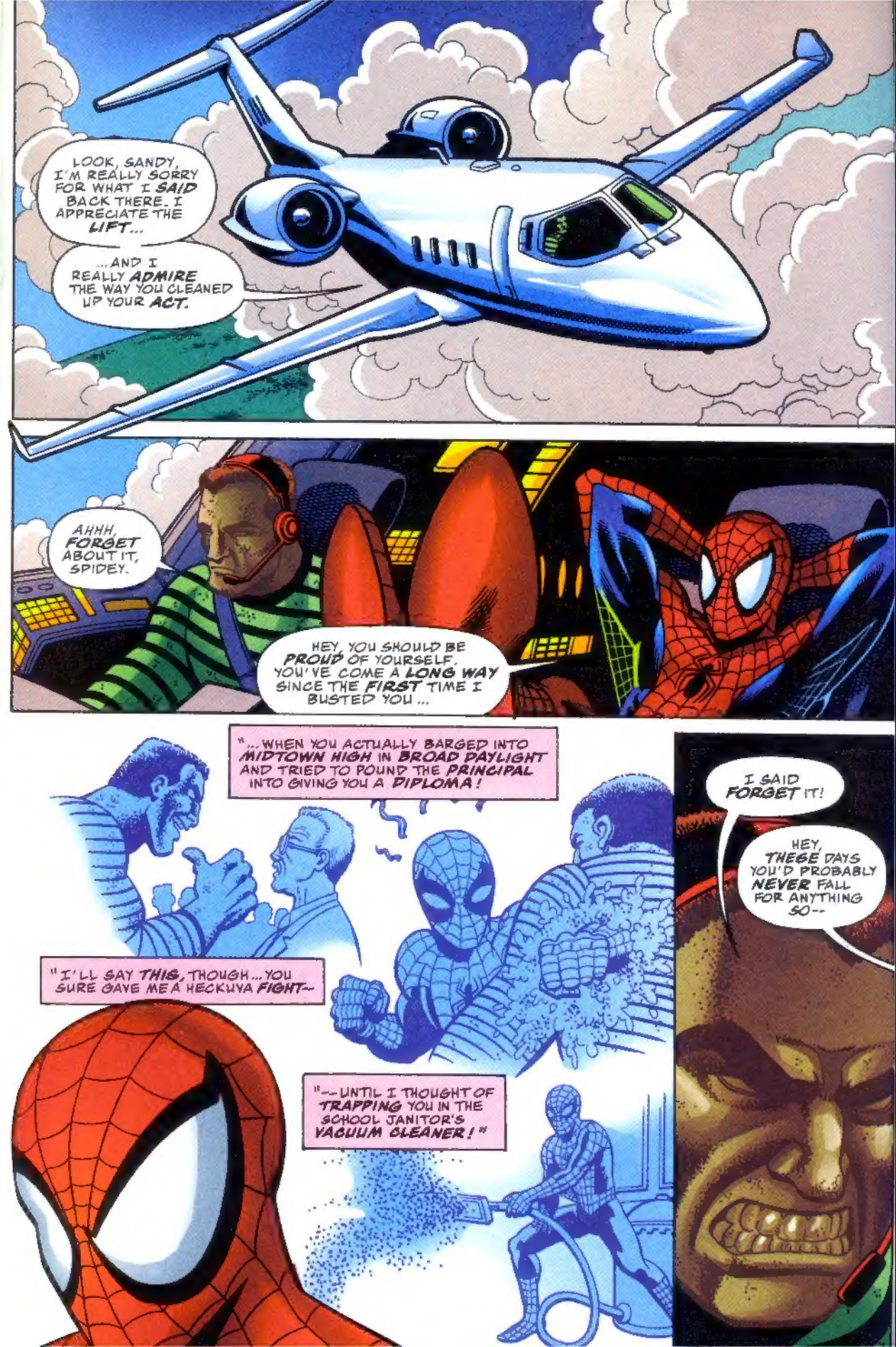
--THEN GO THERE.
WHAT--?
NO! NO, PLEASE--
AAAAAH!
AAAAA


SYMKARIA.
DON'T TRY TO KEEP SECRETS FROM ME, SILVER SABLE--
--IT CAN'T BE DONE! I KNOW YOU AND YOUR MERCENARIES HAVE BEEN CONTRACTED TO PROTECT THE EUROPEAN UNION!
MY CONTRACTS ARE A PRIVATE MATTER, AUTHORITY!
PRIVACY? IN THIS DAY AND AGE? WHAT A QUAINT, OBSOLETE NOTION!
BUT LET'S NOT BICKER. I'M TRANSMITTING ALL KNOWN DATA ON THE RENEGADE FACTION WITHIN ULTIMATUM--
--AND THE DANGER IT PRESENTS TO THE E.U. IF YOU USE IT, I'LL KNOW-- AND I'LL EXPECT MY USUAL FEE.
HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT ULTIMATUM?
LET'S JUST SAY... I'M AN AUTHORITY.
WHAT AN INFLATED, EGOTISTICAL BORE.
B-DEEP!
LOOK, I HAVE ANOTHER CALL. DO YOU WANT TO HOLD, OR--?
NO, I'LL BE OFF. GIVE SPIDER-MAN MY REGARDS.
WHAT? SORRY, I HARDLY EVER TALK TO--
SABLE? SPIDER-MAN HERE.

WHAT--? NO, NEVER HEARD OF HIM.
LISTEN, SABLE, I'M STUCK IN CRETE, I CAME OVER ON A CASE WITH HERCULES,* AND HE'S NOT READY TO GO BACK TO NEW YORK YET.
I FIGURED SINCE YOU'RE RELATIVELY CLOSE BY--
SABLE, GET ME OUT OF HERE.
PLEASE.
;glug-glug-glug;
MORE WINE! MORE SONG!
JOIN US, WALL-CRAWLER! LET US CELEBRATE OUR VICTORY UNTIL THE EQUINOX!
*LAST ISH! --TRUE-BELIEVIN' TOM.
;sigghhh; I DO NOT RUN A TAXI SERVICE, SPIDER-MAN...
"...BUT SIT TIGHT. I WON'T PROMISE I CAN GET SOMEONE THERE IMMEDIATELY...
"...BUT I THINK I HAVE...
"...THE PERFECT MAN...
"...FOR THE JOB!"
FLUMMP!

RISE AN' SHINE, GUY! THE SANDMAN'S HERE TUH FILL YER EYES WITH WAKE-UP SAND!
DON'T YOU MEAN SLEEPING SAND?
NAAH! I AIN'T THAT SANDMAN! READY TO ROLL?
MAN, IF SABLE SENT THE ONE GUY ON HER PAYROLL I USED TO DRAG TO JAIL--
--MY CALL MUST'VE REALLY TICKED HER OFF!
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE--
--YER THE ORIGINAL, AIN'T YA? GOOD TA SEE YA BACK!
YOUR REPLACEMENT REALLY BIT!
I--I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
HERC? MY RIDE'S HERE. I'M BOOKIN'.
AYE.
(SO, THERE WE WERE, YOUNG LADY... SURROUNDED BY SIMULACRA OF THE CLASSIC BEASTS OF GREEK MYTH...)
WELL, I GUESS HE'LL MISS ME!
HEY, SANDY! DIG THE HEAVY-DUTY HOOVER! BRING BACK ANY MEMORIES?
SUK
SHUT UP.

ENGLAND.
THE SLEEK EUROSTAR COMPLETES ITS RUN FROM FRANCE BENEATH THE ENGLISH CHANNEL...
...AND DIGNITARIES FROM FOURTEEN NATIONS POUR OUT TO FACE A SURGING MOB OF REPORTERS.
MR. SECRETARY! OPPOSITION TO THE COMBINED CURRENCY RUNS STRONG HERE! DO YOU ANTICIPATE A CHILLY RECEPTION AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE?
NOT AT ALL. THIS MIRACULOUS NEW TUNNEL PROVES BRITAIN'S DESIRE TO BECOME PART OF A LARGER WORLD.
THE DELEGATE GRINS, PLEASED WITH HIS OWN SKILL AT PARRYING THE PRESS...
BBC
...UNMINDFUL OF MORE LETHAL OPPOSITION LYING IN WAIT.
LOOK AT THEM, POSING LIKE SAINTS AS THEY GRAB THEIR POWER. NO WONDER OUR LEADER SUPPORTS THEM--HE COULD BE ONE OF THEM.
BENNINGS, IF FLAG-SMASHER COULD HEAR YOU NOW, HE'D KILL YOU WHERE YOU STAND!
THAT'S THE PROBLEM, ISN'T IT?
BENNINGS TO BUCKINGHAM UNIT: THE DELEGATES ARE ON SCHEDULE. BE READY TO TAKE ACTION THERE...
...WHILE WE DESTROY THE CHANNEL TUNNEL!


LOOK, SANDY, I'M REALLY SORRY FOR WHAT I SAID BACK THERE. I APPRECIATE THE LIFT...
...AND I REALLY ADMIRE THE WAY YOU CLEANED UP YOUR ACT.
AHHH, FORGET ABOUT IT, SPIDEY.
HEY, YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOURSELF. YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY SINCE THE FIRST TIME I BUSTED YOU...
"...WHEN YOU ACTUALLY BARGED INTO MIDTOWN HIGH IN BROAD DAYLIGHT AND TRIED TO POUND THE PRINCIPAL INTO GIVING YOU A DIPLOMA!
"I'LL SAY THIS, THOUGH...YOU SURE GAVE ME A HECKUVA FIGHT--
"--UNTIL I THOUGHT OF TRAPPING YOU IN THE SCHOOL JANITOR'S VACUUM CLEANER!"
I SAID FORGET IT!
HEY, THESE DAYS YOU'D PROBABLY NEVER FALL FOR ANYTHING SO--

WILL YOU SHUT UP? I DON'T WANNA THINK ABOUT THAT STUFF ANYMORE!
THAT WASN'T ME! I'M DIFFERENT NOW!
BUT THASSA POIN' I WAS TRYNNA MA--
JUST CLAM UP, OKAY?
NOT ANOTHER WORD.
FINE.
SO WHAT TIME DO WE LAND IN NEW YORK?
DEPENDS ON HOW LONG OUR JOB TAKES!
JOB? I DIDN'T AGREE TO ANY JOB!
B-DEEP!
YA DIDN'T THINK SABLE'D JUST GIVE YA A FREE RIDE, DIDJA?
SHEESH! TALK ABOUT STUPID!
SABLE! I THINK THERE'S BEEN A MIS-UNDERSTAND-ING--!
I DON'T! SANDMAN, SET A COURSE FOR THE CHANNEL TUNNEL! I'LL FILL YOU BOTH IN ON THE WAY!
BUT I DIDN'T AGREE TO ANY--
SPIDEY, YOU'RE EITHER WITH ME OR YA AIN'T, AN' IF YA AIN'T--
-- HAVE FUN SWIMMIN' HOME!

AUTHORITY, IF THIS ATTACK ON CHANNEL TUNNEL IS REAL, EXPECT A BONUS.
TERRORISTS DON'T COME MORE SHADOWY THAN ULTIMATUM. NO ONE HAS PENETRATED THEIR SECRETS--
--UNTIL ME.
I KNOW.
THE TRUTH IS, I AM BLESSED WITH AN INSATIABLE CURIOSITY ABOUT--
WAIT A MINUTE! MY COMPUTER FILES!
YOU'RE UPLOADING MY CONFIDENTIAL FILES!
STOP!
FORGIVE ME, SABLE--
--IT'S A BAD HABIT.
ACCESS DENIED
LOCKED OUT OF MY OWN SYSTEM--?
UPLOAD THIS, THIEF!
B-R-RRAAADDA!

THIS IS TAKING TOO LONG, BENNINGS! WHY CAN'T WE USE CONVENTIONAL EXPLOSIVES?
YOU CAN'T EFFECTIVELY BOMB A TUNNEL. THE BLAST WILL SEEK THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE...
EXIT THROUGH THE MOUTHS
YOU NEED TO APPLY CONCUSSIVE FORCE D.-RECTLY TO THE WALLS. THAT WAY--
I AGREE WITH YOUR TACTICS, TRAITORS--
WHAT--?
--BUT YOUR GOALS MAKE ME SICK!
WHUNK!
UNNNH!
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO SLEPT THROUGH MY LECTURES, LET S REVIEW!
A NATION IS A PRISON! THIS TUNNEL BREACHES ITS WALLS! THEREFORE, THE TUNNEL STANDS--
--AND YOU FALL!
YOU'RE DEAD, SMASHER!!
SMASHER? AS IN FLAG-SMASHER?

FIGURES YOU'D HIT THIS TUNNEL SOMETIME!
WHOK!
NO...IT... DOESN'T!
WHY DOES EVERYONE THINK THAT?
UHHH... MAYBE 'CAUSE YOU'RE HERE? TRYING TO BLOW IT UP?
BUT I'M NOT--
OH, TYPICAL! WHILE YOU RE HARASSING ME, THE CULPRIT IS FLEEING--
--WHICH MEANS THE CONCUSSIVE DEVICE IS ARMED, AND WE'RE ALL DEAD!
THE "CULPRIT"?
HANG ON. I'M CONFUSED HERE' AREN'T YOU--?
OH BOY
WHA-ROOM!

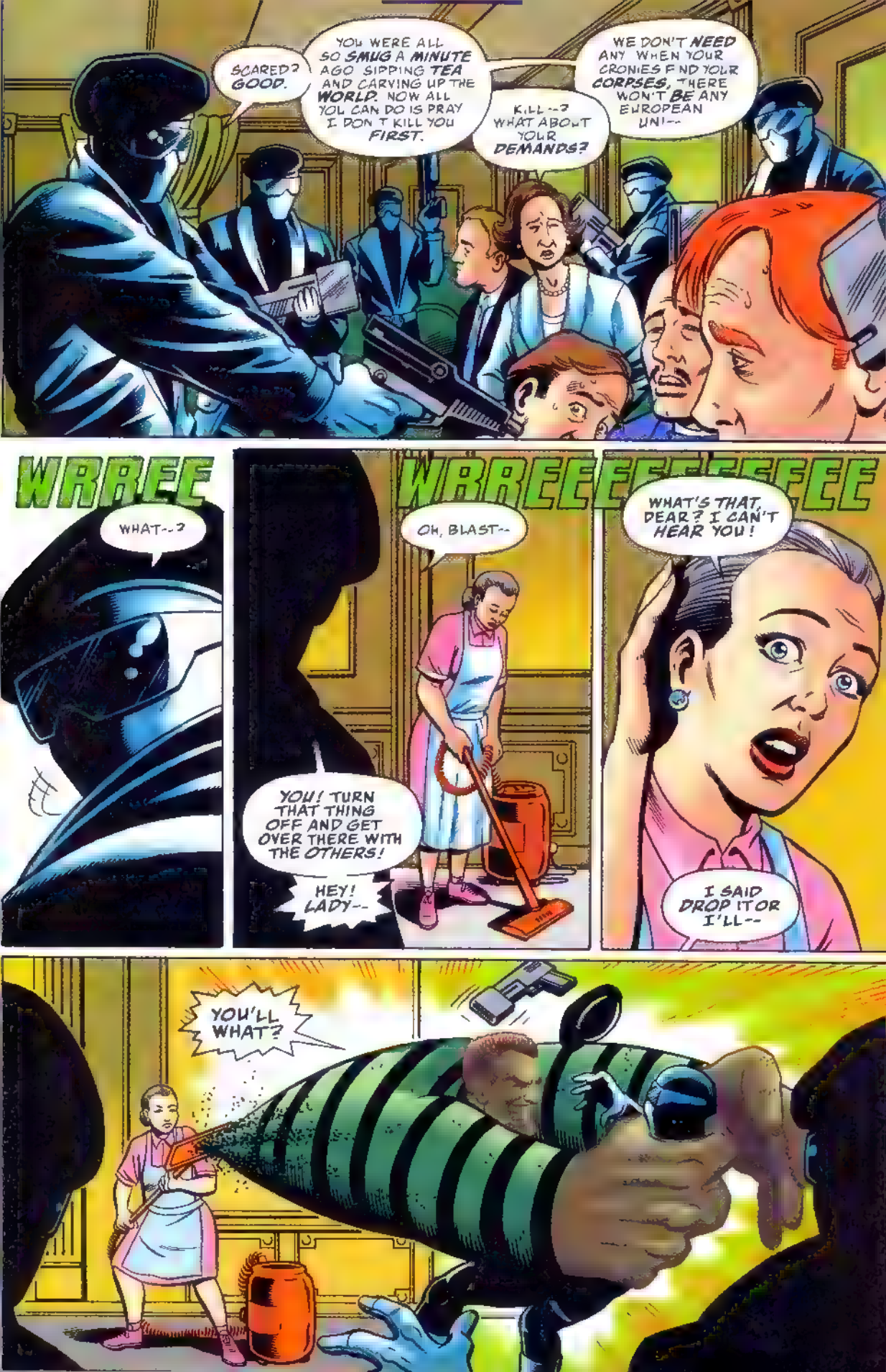
RROOOARRR!
EVERYBODY IN ONE PIECE?
JUST PEACHY! IF THAT TRAIN DON'T GET US --
SPLOOSH!
--THE FL PP N' DRINK WILL NOT THAT IT'LL MAKE MUCH DIFF'-RENCE WHEN THE TUNNEL COLLAPSES ON OUR HEADS!
THEN HOLD STILL A MINUTE, SANDY!
WHADDAYA THINK YER DOIN'?
WATER-PROOFING YOU BEFORE YOU TURN INTO A MUD-PIE!
THWIP!
HEY! PUT ME DOWN!
WHAT, AND PASS UP A CHANCE TO RELIVE OLD TIMES?
ADMIT IT! YOU MISS THIS AS MUCH AS I DO!

SPIDER-MAN, WHEN I GET FREE I SWEAR--
EASY, SANDY. I'M KIDDING, I M KIDDING!
NOW JUST OOZE INTO THAT FISSURE AND PLUG THE LEAK UNTIL I THINK OF SOMETH--
YAAAAHH--
NOW WHAT?
AAAAH--
--AAHR!
GOT YOU!
KRASSH!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! DID YOU SEE WHAT HE JUST--
SPLOOSH!
SANDY, CONCENTRATE! FILL THE HOLE!
SURE
YOU DO THE THINKIN', I LL DO THE HEAVY LIFTIN', RIGHT?

BUCKINGHAM PALACE...
UNSETTLING NEWS, YOUR MAJESTY.
...THERE HAS BEEN AN EXPLOSION IN THE CHANNEL TUNNEL. EARLY INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE BLAST WAS DELIBERATE.
MY GOODNESS! WE WERE JUST THERE! WHO WOULD HAVE DONE SUCH A THING? AND WHY?
OBVIOUSLY, IT IS AN ATTACK ON THE UNION! TODAY WE MADE THAT TUNNEL OUR SYMBOL!
I WARNED YOU ALL! SO MANY IN ENGLAND FEAR THE EU; THEIR MORE NATIONALIST POLITICIANS HAVE MADE SURE OF THAT!
FORGIVE ME, YOUR MAJESTY, BUT IT MUST BE SAID! UNTIL YOUR GOVERNMENT CAN CONTROL ITS PEOPLE--
--WE HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO DISCUSS!
COME ALONG, GENTLEMEN!
BUT,
MISTER PRIME MINISTER..
Y-YES, MA'AM?
I WANT THOSE TERRORISTS!
YOUR WISH IS OUR COMMAND, YOUR MAJESTY!

EXPLAIN SOMETHIN' TO ME, SPIDER-MAN
...WHY DIDN'T WE JUST DUMP THIS MAN AC IN THE CHANNEL?
WELL, HE DID SAVE THAT WORK-MAN. IF HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH...
YOU WILL SEE THAT I AM. THE RENE-GADES ARE INVADING THE PALACE AS WE SPEAK
THEN HE MIGHT ACTUALLY BE ON OUR SIDE FOR ONCE.
NEVER
WELL, PARDON ME FOR DOUBTIN' YOUR GENIUS...
--BUT YER LAST BRAINSTORM TURNED ME INTO A DRAIN-STOPPER FOR A WHOLE HOUR WHILE THEY CLEARED THAT FLIPPIN' TUNNEL!
JUST 'CAUSE YOU RE SMART DON'T MAKE ME YER WHIPPIN' BOY! I GOT A BRAIN TOO, Y'KNOW!
HEY, I NEVER SAID YOU D DN T--!
YA DON T HAFTA! YOU REHASHED THAT WHOLE DIPLOMA AND VACUUM CLEANER THING BEFORE YA EVEN SA D HELLO!
AND YOU COULD VE TOLD ME YER PLAN BEFORE YOU PLUGGED ME INTO THAT LEAK! I'DA GOTTEN IT!
SANDMAN
--YOU RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. I DID TREAT YOU LIKE AN IDIOT
I M SORRY.
FOR THE RECORD, I THINK YOU RE BOTH CRETINS!
THIS IS A MISSION! CAN WE TABLE THE PERSONAL ITEMS -
--AND GET ON WITH IT?

♪ ALL MY PEOPLE RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW.. ♫
♪ D'YA KNOW WHAT I MEEAAN? YEAH, YEAH
♪ ALL MY PEOPLE RIGHT HERE RIGHT-- ♫
DON'T SCREAM
AHHH--!?
THANK YOU NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY.
YOUR QUEEN'S IN DANGER, AND WE'RE HERE TO HELP HER. CAN YOU TELL US WHERE THE E.U. MEETING IS?
TWO FLIGHTS DOWN, THIRD TO THE LEFT.
IS HER MAJESTY GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT?
NO, SHE ISN'T. IF WE MOUNT A FRONTAL ASSAULT, MY MEN WILL HAVE TIME TO TAKE OUT AT LEAST ONE HOSTAGE BEFORE WE SUBDUE THEM.
THE QUEEN RANKS HIGHEST, SO THEY'LL CHOOSE HER. THAT'S HOW I TRAINED THEM.
YOU MUST BE VERY PROUD
SUPL CLOS
SO HOW DO WE MOUNT A SNEAKY ASSAULT? WE DON'T EXACTLY FIT IN AROUND HERE.
HEYYY
...I GOT AN IDEA!


SCARED? GOOD.
YOU WERE ALL SO SMUG A MINUTE AGO SIPPING TEA AND CARVING UP THE WORLD. NOW ALL YOU CAN DO IS PRAY I DON'T KILL YOU FIRST.
KILL--? WHAT ABOUT YOUR DEMANDS?
WE DON'T NEED ANY WHEN YOUR CRONIES FIND YOUR CORPSES, THERE WON'T BE ANY EUROPEAN UNI--
WRREE
WHAT--?
WRREEEEEEEEEE
OH, BLAST--
YOU! TURN THAT THING OFF AND GET OVER THERE WITH THE OTHERS!
HEY! LADY--
WHAT'S THAT, DEAR? I CAN'T HEAR YOU!
I SAID DROP IT OR I'LL--
YOU'LL WHAT?

THAT'S OUR CUE, SMASHY!
KEEP OUT OF THE WAY, SPIDER-MAN! THESE TRAITORS ARE MY RESPONSIBILITY!
AND YOU'VE DONE SUCH A FINE JOB WITH THEM SO FAR!
HEY, SANDY!
WHUDD!
WHAT? I'M BUSY!
BRILLIANT PLAN!
YEAH, IT WAS, WASN'T IT?
WE GOT 'EM, YER HIGH-NESS! IT'S OVER!
WAIT! WHERE'S SMASHY?
HE MADE ALL THAT NOISE ABOUT DOING IT ALL HIMSELF, AND HE DIDN'T LIFT A FINGER!
WRONG, SPIDER-MAN--

I KEPT QUITE BUSY IN THE CONFUSION!
THANK YOU FOR WEEDING OUT ULTIMATUM'S BAD APPLES! THANKS TO YOU, WE ARE AGAIN UNITED! NOW I ASK ONE MORE FAVOR.
KINDLY EVACUATE THE DELE-GATES, AND QUICKLY.
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT? WHY DO WE HAVE TO LEAVE?
GO! KNOWIN' THAT NUT, YOU DON'T WANNA STICK AROUND AND FIND OUT!
HEY, SPIDEY! AM I SUPPOSED TO DO EVERYTHING HERE? SEARCH THE PLACE!
NO NEED. THE DANGER'S IN THAT VASE.
YA JUST KNOW, HUH, SHERLOCK?
ALL RIGHT. I ALWAYS SAID YOU HAD EYES IN THE BACK O' YER HEAD!
KSSH!
A BOMB! THE RAT WANTS TO BLOW UP THE PALACE!
DOESN'T THINK MUCH OF NATIONAL SYMBOLS, DOES HE?
WE'VE GOT TEN SECONDS, SANDY...
DOOB!10

THEN DON'T WASTE ANY TIME EXPLAININ' YOUR PLAN!
I PUT MY BUTT WHERE THE FIREWORKS ARE, RIGHT?
WELL...
SEE? I GOT IT ON MY OWN!
GOOD THINKING, SANDY! THAT'S REALLY USING--
--YOUR HEAD!
FWKOOM!

SUCH COURAGE! SUCH INGENUITY!
THE UNITED KINGDOM OWES YOU A CONSIDERABLE DEBT, SANDMAN.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, YER HIGHNESS...
ME AN' SPIDEY JUST DID WHAT NEEDED DOIN'.
YOU SEEM SO EXHAUSTED AFTER YOUR ORDEAL. ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT?
I AM BEAT, MA'AM. BLOWIN' UP... COMIN' BACK TOGETHER... IT WEARS A GUY OUT.
PLUS, I GOTTA FLY THIS GUY ALL THE WAY T' NEW YORK.
NO! YOU MUST REST! I INSIST YOU REMAIN HERE AS MY GUEST FOR AS LONG AS YOU LIKE!
THAT'D BE A REAL TREAT, YER MAJ--
HUH?
WRREEE
WRREEEE
ON SECOND THOUGHT, MA'AM, I THINK MAYBE WE BETTER HIT THE ROAD!
NEXT
MANTHING